

## **Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – New York**

### **FDA Presence** 331 FDA employees in New York State

Resident Posts: Albany, Alexandria Bay, Binghamton, Champlain, Central Islip, Massena, New Windsor, Ogdensburg, Rochester, Syracuse, and White Plains, in addition to an office in Buffalo. We also maintain 2 permanent offices at the Port of Buffalo (Peace Bridge and Lewiston Bridge)

Report to: New York District, Jamaica (New York) who

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Northeast Regional Laboratory, New York who reports to: Northeast Region

### **Industry Presence in State**

There are 8,919 regulated establishments in the State of New York

(Some firms are in more than one category)

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) - 39 percent

Medical Device and Radiological establishments - 37 percent

Human drug establishments - 14 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments - 7 percent

Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) - 3 percent

### **Industry Highlights**

- Imports - New York ports of entry include airports, a seaport and numerous border crossings along the Canadian border. Approximately 33% of the FDA regulated commodities enter the country through New York. Cheese, seafood, and active pharmaceutical ingredients are the top three high volume commodities entering New York. An international postal facility at JFK Airport requires New York District surveillance activity to regulate a significant volume of pharmaceutical entries. Along the Canadian Border imports are covered using two shifts from Sunday through Friday. We are successful in improving our effectiveness in import coverage by leveraging with the NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets, The Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and with Customs and Border Protection.
- Generic drugs - New York supports a significant generic drug industry.
- Bioresearch – A significant number of clinical investigators and Institutional Review Boards affiliated with the many NYC metropolitan hospitals.
- Dairy - New York is one of the lead dairy states in the country.
- Livestock - New York receives a significant number of reports on violative residues in food animals detected at the time of slaughter from the USDA.
- Food - New York is the home of a highly visible food interstate conveyance sanitation program at the airports, rail and bus transportation locations. Food processors would include smoked fish, seafood, vegetables and cheese.

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### **Contracts & Partnerships**

#### State contracts

New York Department of Agriculture and Markets

- Conduct inspections of food firms including LACF, seafood HACCP, juice HACCP and food sanitation; BSE and medicated feed mills; and tissue residue inspections. NYSDAM audits its state inspectors under FDA contract.

New York State Department of Health

- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities.

#### State Partnerships

New York Department of Agriculture and Markets

- Coordinate the food protection efforts to reduce consumer risk, eliminate duplication, define regulatory roles, and improve channels of communication.

#### Other

- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities by New York City inspectors.
- Enhanced collaborative efforts with Customs and Border Protection resulting in the detection of entries previously circumventing FDA's entry review process.
- NYSDAM and FDA have agreed to work together to halt the entry and distribution of adulterated foods of import origin. This collaborative effort will include the sampling of imported foods encountered by NYSDAM in the marketplace for ultimate submission to FDA for analysis. When a violation is confirmed by both Agencies, NYSDAM will initiate the appropriate regulatory action on the market while FDA will initiate an Import Alert to prevent future entries of the violative product.
- Collaborate with the Office of the Canadian Consulate General to conduct periodic new exporter seminars, using education as a means to achieve compliance. The Consulate coordinates logistics regarding meeting sites, reproduction of handouts, and solicitation of attendees.
- Leveraging with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to share information, in real time, when high risk violations are encountered. This offers enhanced consumer protection to both US and Canadian Consumers.